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*The Second Section of the Articles of War.*

**W**hatsoever Officer or Soldier shall presume to use traitorous or disrespectful Words against the Sacred Person of His Majesty, His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, or any of the Royal Family ; if a Commission'd Officer, he shall be cashier'd ; if a Non-commission'd Officer or Soldier, he shall suffer such Punishment as shall be inflicted upon him by the Sentence of a Court-martial.

Any Officer or Soldier who shall behave himself with Contempt or Disrespect towards the General, or other Commander in Chief of Our Forces, or shall speak Words tending to his Hurt or Dishonor, shall be punish'd according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Judgment of a Court-martial.

Any Officer or Soldier who shall begin, excite, cause, or join in any Mutiny or Sedition in the Troop, Company, or Regiment, to which he belongs, or in any other Troop or Company in Our Service, or on any Party, Post, Detachment, or Guard, on any Pretence whatsoever, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as by a Court-martial shall be inflicted.

Any Officer, Non-commission'd Officer, or Soldier, who being present at any Mutiny or Sedition, does not use his utmost Endeavours to suppress the same, or coming to the Knowledge of any Mutiny, or intended Mutiny, does not without Delay give Information thereof to his Commanding Officer, shall be punish'd by a Court-martial with Death, or otherwise according to the Nature of the Offence.

Any Officer or Soldier who shall strike his superior Officer, or draw, or offer to draw, or shall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence against him, being in the Execution of his Office, on any Pretence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful Command of his superior Officer, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as shall, according to the Nature of his Offence, be inflicted upon him by the Sentence of a Court-martial.

*The Sixth Section of the Articles of War.*

**A**LL Officers and Soldiers, who having received Pay, or having been duly enlisted in Our Service, shall be convicted of having deserted the same, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as by a Court-martial shall be inflicted.

Any Non-commission'd Officer or Soldier, who shall, without Leave from his Commanding Officer, absent himself from his Troop or Company, or from any Detachment with which he shall be commanded, shall, upon being convicted thereof, be punish'd according to the Nature of his Offence at the Discretion of a Court-martial.

No Non-commission'd Officer or Soldier shall enlist himself in any other Regiment, Troop or Company, without a regular Discharge from the Regiment, Troop, or Company, in which he last served, on the Penalty of being reputed a Deserter, and suffering accordingly. And in case any Officer shall knowingly receive and entertain such Non-commission'd Officer or Soldier, or shall not, after his being discover'd to be a Deserter, immediately confine him, and give Notice thereof to the Corps in which he last served, he the said Officer so offending shall by a Court-martial be cashier'd.

Whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall be convicted of having advised or persuaded any other Officer or Soldier to desert Our Service, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be inflicted upon him by the Sentence of a Court-martial.

*The Oath of Fidelity.*

**I** Swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, and to serve Him honestly and faithfully, in Defence of His Person, Crown, and Dignity, against all His Enemies or Opposers whatsoever : And to observe and obey His Majesty's Orders, and the Orders of the Generals and Officers set over me by His Majesty.